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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITANIA

Assistance to Civil Aviation (Phase II)
(Supplementary Assistance) (MAU/78/005)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	June 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1977 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Government implementing agency:	Department of Transport
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$257 900
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In the area of civil aviation, an important project (MAU/71/002) was undertaken in 1972 to meet Mauritania's urgent need to train Mauritanian specialists in all areas of civil aviation. During the initial phase (1973-1974), an ICAO expert was recruited under the OPAS scheme to undertake preliminary work. In December 1974 the team was strengthened by the addition of two other OPAS experts, one a specialist in legal and economic questions and the other a specialist in flight safety.

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2. At a tripartite review, carried out at Nouakchott from 6 to 8 March 1978, the continuation of the project to the end of 1980, under a Phase II project (MAU/78/005)1/, was decided upon. It was also decided that the starting date should be made retroactive to January 1977 when the status of the OPAS experts assigned to the project was changed to that of expert/advisers. At that tripartite review and at a subsequent Country Programme review undertaken during the first quarter of 1979, it was also felt that the project should be further revised, as financial resources allow, in order to ensure that the original objectives of the project -- the training of Mauritanian specialists in all areas of civil aviation -- would be achieved. For this purpose, the present Supplementary Assistance has been approved and the project duration extended to 1982.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The development objective of the project remains to provide the Government of Mauritania with a Department of Civil Aviation which is well organized and capable of planning, co-ordinating, managing and supervising all the country's aeronautical activities, both domestic and international. The immediate objectives of the project are to consolidate the civil aviation machinery and to train the national personnel to assume responsibility for all activities in this field by the end of 1981. The supplementary assistance now approved is designed to reinforce the existing international expert team and to provide additional fellowships in accordance with the recommendations of the 1978 tripartite review and the 1979 Country Programme review.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the service of an aerodrome engineer for a period of two years and starting in July 1979. The assistance will also include the costs of two additional fellowships and a salary supplement for an administrative assistant also for a period of two years.

IV. Financial data

5. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approved $
Personnel	395 846	176 100	571 946
Training	181 695	78 000	259 695
Miscellaneous	8 850	3 800	12 650
	586 391 2/	257 900	844 291

6. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $630,000 (in kind).

1/ DP/PROJECTS/1956

2/ Original approval in April 1978 was $274,600 (DP/PROJECTS/1956) starting from 1 January 1979. The figure $586,391 includes 1978 expenditures.